(SRI H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.)

find a market. Therefore it was thought that the factory may produce other goods that are marketable in the country. It view of the fact that this is an allied industry, allied to Mysore Chemicals and Fertilisers, it was thought it would be in the mutual interest of both the Mysore Government and the interest of this factory if this factory was amalgamated with that.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—Is it proposed to shift the factory from its present location and bring over the plant to the Mysore Chemicals and Fertilisers?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—No; because it is so close to the Mysore Chimicals and Fertilisers, along with the land and machinery, it would be handed over to the Mysore Chemicals and Fertilisers.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—Both are under the Government, is it not?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—No, it is a Joint-Stock Company.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—With regard to the Silk Filatures, Kanakapura, what do the Government propose to do?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Hitherto we had a lot of unsold goods. Now we propose to sell them. We had a lot of silk that was designed for parachutes and we had a lot of stock. Now the factory is working more or less on a basis of no profit, no loss.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Hon'ble Member may please refer to page 14 of the Chief Minister's speech which contains whatever he wishes to know.

Steps to start Ferro-Manganese Plant

Q.—773. **Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK** (Molakalmuru).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether there is a proposal to start a Ferro-Manganese manufacturing plant anywhere in the State;

(*b*) what is the quantity of Manganese Ferrous and Chrome ore that is being exported from Mysore State during 1952-53 and 1953-54?

A.—**Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA** (Minister for Home and Industries).—

(*a*) The Mysore Iron and Steel Works propose to manufacture this material on a small scale in their furnaces. The possibility of establishing a separate industry for the full utilisation of this precious material will be examined.

(*b*)—

Manganese ore.

		Tons
1952-53	...	26,892,25
1953-54	...	90,278,00

Chrome ore.

		Tons
1952-53	...	25,305
1953-54	...	22,320

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—What is the expected output of the proposed manufacture of ferro-manganese in the Bhadravathi Iron Works?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—I am sorry I have not got that figure in the report of the Director. He says it has not yet been finalised with regard to the proposed output also.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—In 1952-53 the output of manganese ore is stated to be 28,000 and odd tons but in 1953-54 it is stated to be as much as 90,278 tons. What is this sudden rise in production due to?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Obviously this precious metal is in great demand elsewhere and most of it is exported.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—How much of this metal has been extracted through the Government agency? Rather I will put a preliminary question. Are the Government themselves extracting this metal in some areas?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Yes.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—How much of it is extracted in areas like Kumsi and other places where the Government themselves have taken up to extracting this ore?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—About 1,000 tons.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Am I right if I say that in any case it is more than 3,000 tons, because the Iron

Works itself needs about 3,000 tons of manganese? So it will be about 10,000 tons. May I take it like that?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—The positions is this. One area is about 530 square miles—that is in Kumsi and the other area is 110 square miles in Channagiri Taluk. These are required by the department for extracting ore. Out of this about 7,000 tons of manganese is extracted in a year.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—There are huge deposits of manganese and chrome ores and also sulphur ore, all over the State. Is it not?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Yes.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Would it not be well for the Government to take up the extraction of all this ore and make huge profit in view of market being available and the price also being very high?

Mr. SPEAKER.—Ten days back you put the same question.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—In view of this question coming up prominently on the floor of this House, Government propose to appoint a committee to go into this question thoroughly. After the committee sends its report—the committee will be appointed very soon —action will be taken subsequently.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—May I ask whether the figure of export of manganese ore for the year 1953-54 includes the ore extracted in Bellary District or it is confined to the Mysore State minus Bellary District?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Minus Bellary District.

Defective weights and measures in rural parts (Rectification)

Q.—1035. Sri J. NARAYANAPPA (Chintamani—Scheduled Castes).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether it has come to their notice that a few merchants in rural parts are deceiving the ryots by using defective weights and measures;

(*b*) whether there is any provision for the concerned officers to examine these weights and measures in rural parts also in the same manner as they do in concerned towns;

(*c*) whether an act regarding weights and measures similar to the one in force in Bombay would be introduced here also?

A.—Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Home and Industries).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes. The Weights and Measures Act is applied at present only to 100 notified places. Statement appended below.

(*c*) It is under consideration of Government.

AREAS NOTIFIED UNDER THE ACT

Bangalore City Municipal Limits, Yelahanka, Doddaballapur, Devanahalli and Vodigenahalli.

Bangalore Civil Station, Krishnarajapuram, Madivala, Hoskote and Anekal.

Channapatna, Magadi, Kanakapura, Ramanagaram, Mandya, Maddur, Malavalli, and Nagamangala.

Kolar Gold Fields, Bangarpet, Bethamangala, Kolar, Malur and Mulbagal.

Chintamani, Chickballapur, Sreenivasapur, Sidlaghatta, Goribidanur, Gudibanda and Bagepalli.

Tumkur, Tiptur, Gubbi, Sira, Madhugiri, Kunigal, Koratagere, Pavagada, Turuvekere, Chicknayakanahalli and Midigesi.

Mysore, Krishnarajanagar, French-Rocks, Srirangapatna, Krishnarajapet, Hunsur and Periyapatna.

Nanjangud, Chamarajanagar, Santhemarahalli, Therakanambi, Hemmaragala, Gundlupet, T.-Narsipur and Yelandur.

Kadur, Birur, Tarikere, Chickmagalur, Ajjampur, Mudigere, Narasimharajapura, Koppa, Sringeri and Balehonnur.

Shimoga, Tirthahalli, Bhadravati, Sagar, Shiralkoppa, Shikaripur, Sorab Honnali, Hosanagar, Jog, Channagiri and Ayyanur.

Chitaldrug, Davangere, Hiriyur, Challakere, Hosadurga, Holalkere, Harihar, Molakalmuru and Jagalur.

Alur, Dudda, Gandasi, Javagal, Arsikere, Hole-Narsipur, Hassan,